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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

[redacted]
Acting Director, Office of External Affairs

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SUBJECT:

Request to Contribute to an Article to
the Signal, Armed Forces Communications
and Electronics Association

1. Action Requested: Approve the attached message from you to the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association 37th Annual Convention Report May issue of Signal magazine.

2. Background: [redacted]

[redacted] asked that you contribute by 1 March a message on the role of Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence as a peacekeeper along with a comment on the necessity for making the most economical use of the defense dollar. They suggest a length of 300 words or less and that it be accompanied with your photograph. Your last such contribution appears opposite this memorandum.

The convention issue is widely read since it is highlighted with short statements from top military and government leaders. You and your predecessors have routinely contributed in past years.

3. Recommendation: Approve attached message to be forwarded along with your official photograph.

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APPROVE:

/s/ William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

20 JAN 1983

Date

DISAPPROVE:

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

Attachment



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PROGRESS IN NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Congratulations to AFCEA on its 37th anniversary. Since my last note to you, we have been working hard to rebuild our nation's intelligence resources, being keenly aware of our responsibility to provide timely, relevant information to this country's leaders. Ultimately, our peace depends on our anticipating problems around the world and providing our national policymakers accurate assessments so that they can devise effective solutions before problems become crises.

We have paid particular attention to improving the quality and timeliness of our analysis and I believe we have made substantial progress. A new fast track system now produces national estimates on a more timely basis. Our estimates now contain a wider range of judgments from within the Intelligence Community in order to reflect differing views and to insure standards of integrity and objectivity. We have created new analytical centers at CIA that deal with technology transfer, insurgency and political instability, and international terrorism. These centers allow sharper focus on these critical problem areas and facilitate the integration of political, economic, and military analysis. Today there are many places in the world where political or economic destabilization has strategic implications for our government. We have targeted such areas and are keeping a close watch on events as they unfold.

While we have made progress, we will not slacken our efforts. Good intelligence that accurately assesses the capabilities of our adversaries is an important ingredient in getting the maximum value for each defense dollar spent or invested. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of

your anniversary and to share some thoughts on our intelligence efforts.

I wish you and all the companies supporting AFCEA and our national security continued success.